



# Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

## Hybrid Monthly General Meeting

### January 25, 2023



Venue: Hybrid meeting held at the St John Ambulance venue and via Zoom  
 Date: January 25, 2023  
 Time: 19:00 EST  
 Present: 12 Members and 2 guests

<p><b>Present:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP)</li> <li>2. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB)</li> <li>3. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR)</li> <li>4. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV)</li> <li>5. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR))</li> <li>6. Dave Cullen (VE2JMF)</li> <li>7. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) Via Zoom</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. John Grow (VE2EQL)</li> <li>9. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV)</li> <li>10. Suzan Horovitch (VE3EXN) Via Zoom</li> <li>11. Pat Rowan (VA3PUR) Via Zoom</li> <li>12. Carlos D'Empaire (VA3CEI) Via Zoom</li> <li>13. Jason Racine (Guest)</li> <li>14. Jason Tremblay (VA3JXT) Guest speaker Via Zoom</li> </ol>
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**Call to order:**

Meeting called to order by the President, Earle (VE3IMP) at 7:00 pm.

**1- Round table**

Earle welcomed all and invited all participants to introduce themselves.

Earle then reminded all that Art Horovitch (VE3AIH) had become a Silent Key (SK) over on December 29, 2023. Art had been ill for some time. Our of respect for Art, all observed one minute of silence.

**2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:**

Earl (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the November 30, 2022, meeting. These minutes had been circulated on December 2, 2022 and again on January 17 along the agenda for the January 25 General Meeting

No further questions.

Motion to approve minutes: Joe Scott (VEADB)

Seconded: Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)

The minutes were approved unanimously.



### 3- Treasurer's Report

Chris, Treasurer (VA3CRR) reported no change since November 2022. The bank balances were:

<b>December 2022</b>	<b>January 2023</b>
General \$608.03	General \$608.03
Repeater \$1481.55	Repeater \$1481.55
Total \$2089.58	Total \$2089.58
Accessible \$2039.58	Accessible \$2039.58

Main expenditures for December were:

- \$852.91 for the RAC Insurance
- \$349 for Recruiting Campaign
- \$107 for WEB hosting

Revenues for December 2022 consisted mostly of membership renewals and donations.

Main revenues for January were:

- \$1000 (Minus \$106.31 for shipping charges) from the sale of the two DSTAR repeaters.
- Several membership renewals and donations.

The report was submitted by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR).

A detailed annual report consisting of the corporation financial statement for 2022 will be submitted for approval by the executive and consequently by the membership next month. This is a requirement as per our bylaws and by the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 part VIII.

There is no need to appoint auditors and have an audit as per Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010, consolidated March 1, 2022, Article 76 b:

*76 (1) Members of a public benefit corporation may pass an extraordinary resolution, (b) to not appoint an auditor and to not have an audit or a review engagement in respect of the corporation's financial year if the corporation had annual revenue in that financial year of \$100,000 or less or such other prescribed amount. 2010, c. 15, s. 76 (1).*

**4- Secretary's Report:**

As of January 25, 2023, the SVARC has 40 Members in good standing including 36 voting members.

As of January 25, 2023, there are 24 members who have renewed for 2023.

It is noted that as per article 3.3 of the SVARC Club's by-laws:

*Annual membership dues shall be proposed by the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and become due and payable no later than 45 days after the start of the Club's fiscal year.*

Secretary's report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB),  
Seconded by Dave Cullen (VE3JMF),  
Adopted unanimously.

**5- Net Managers Report December 2022:**

Date	VE3SVC	EchoLink	VE3PGC	DMR CH2	VE3VSW	VE3FHA	total
Dec	33	2	28	6		7	109

**Net Managers Report for January 2023 (This report does not include Jan 30)**

Date	VE3SVC	EchoLink	VE3PGC	DMR CH2	VE3VSW	VE3FHA	total
Jan	41	2	31	12	2	4	92

Submitted by Joe Scott VE3ADB

Motion to approve the report: Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV),  
Seconded: Dave Cullen (VA3JMF),  
Adopted unanimously.

**6- Technical Directors Report:**

There were two repeater maintenance activities since our last (November 2022) meeting:  
In December 2022 VA3FHA at the Beaver Brook site suddenly ceased to operate.

A site visit showed no issue at first glance. The repeater was recycled and appeared to be normal. A remote operator (VA3EV) was asked to test the repeater from his QTH. His attempt to trigger the repeater was unsuccessful. Further investigation showed that the repeater was disconnected from the antenna. I appeared that a Bell technician disconnected our cable to access the antenna port and performed some tests but forgot to reconnect our cable!

The repeater resumed normal operation after reconnection.

This issue went unnoticed at first because the field strength of an HT radiating in the vicinity of the repeater was enough to open the squelch and trigger the repeater. This failure occurred in between our weekly Monday night Nets which is why the failure went unnoticed for a few days.

In December the VE3VSW repeater was moved from the Cornwall Community Hospital site to the Bonville site. With a new frequency. (See the January 2023 Newsletter for a detailed account of the frequency change saga).

In January 2023 the VE3VSW repeater exhibited intermittent behavior. A first visit to the site showed no anomaly and it was decided to leave the repeater as is.

As the problem worsened, it was decided to replace the receiver/transmitter module of the MOTOROLA repeater assembly. This seems to have solved the problem.

Motion to approve the report: Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV),  
Seconded: Joe Scott (VE3ADB),  
Adopted unanimously.

## **7- General planning for the future:**

A planning calendar for 2023 is being attached in Annex I.

- a. Net Manager, Joe VE3ADB is looking for more Net Controllers. Please contact Joe if you are interested.
- b. June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, has been reserved for the Club Field Day
- c. Our Clubs summer BBQ date is still TBD.
- d. An Emergency Communications (EmComm) test is planned to be held with the South Glengarry Fire Department probably before the end of winter. Earle (VE3IMP) and Dave Robertson (South Glengarry Fire Chief) to coordinate.
- e. Updated emergency management program presented to Cornwall council.

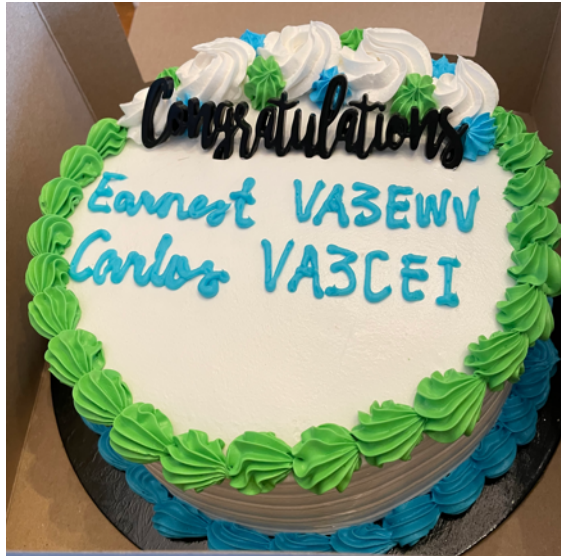
SVARC used to interface with Brad Nuttley of the Cornwall Emergency Management Program. Since he left, there has been radio silence from this program. Earle has since contacted the new management of the Cornwall Emergency Management Program. There is a plan to meet during the second week of February 2023.

**8- Presentation:**

A brief presentation – with a cake - was made to honour two club members who recently obtained their amateur Radio license:

Earnest Vinson: VA3EWV, and,

Carlos D'Empaire: VA3CEI.



**9- Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held in a hybrid mode on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at St. John Ambulance, 100 Second St. W., Cornwall, ON K6J 1G5.

**10- Guest Speaker:**

Jason Trembly Jason (VE3JXT), RAC Community Coordinator who spoke on the Changes and Reorganization of the RAC Field Service.

**11- Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 20:48 EST.

Minutes submitted by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Secretary,  
January 26, 2023

## Annex I

### SVARC 2023 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: February 24, 2023

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	January 25, 2023	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
2.	February TBD, 2023	Sun.	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	City of Cornwall	N/A	Steve H.
3.	February 6 / 7, 2023 2023	Mon /Tue.	TBD	Cornwall CEMC /SD&DG ACS meeting	TBD	N/A	Earle
4.	February 22, 2023	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
5.	TBD	TBD	TBD	EMCOM test jointly with the South Glengarry Fire department	Several position in the South Glengarry Toenship	N/A	Earle
6.	June 24, 2023	Saturday	All day	Club Field Day	TBD	N/A	TBD

**Notes:**

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *Spinner's*, 118 Pitt Street,
3. Club meetings take place on the last Wednesday, of each month starting at 19:00L, at *St. John Ambulance HQ*, 100-2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Cornwall